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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

This Statement is supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement filed with the above-identified application on December 10, 2001. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97-1.98, Applicant submits the accompanying Form PTO-1449 citing references relating to the application.

This Statement is being filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3), i.e., before the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits. (Applicant notes that although a Notice of Abandonment has been mailed, the holding of abandonment was in error as demonstrated in the Request for Withdrawal of Holding of Abandonment submitted herewith.)

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The Examiner is respectfully requested to initial the citations on the Form PTO-1449 to confirm consideration of each reference.

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Respectfully submitted,

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